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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI

X1 ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Sary Shagan, Launch Complex A, Sites Five and Six

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement C-SI-3-80,530
(b) CIA/PID Project C 1236-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 4 September 1963 which requested an analysis of activity at Launch Sites V and VI, Launch Complex A, as photographed in [REDACTED]

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2. The following photography was examined in satisfying this requirement:

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In both missions, the area photographed was snow covered and quality of photography poor. In re-examining Launch Site V and VI, particular care was taken to correlate the appearance of these sites with Site I, contiguous roads and other adjacent areas.

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a. [REDACTED]

(1) The observations regarding Launch Site I, reported in HPIC/R-12/62, can be confirmed; however, this new examination results in the following additional assessment regarding Sites V and VI:

(a) The east-west portion of the road connecting Sites V and VI is clear of snow. The access road into each site does not appear cleared; however, the east-west road may be used by traffic between the base area and missile storage and checkout area, thus being more clearly defined. The photo quality makes it necessary to report that the access roads to Sites V and VI could possibly have been used subsequent to the snow fall.

(b) At Launch Site VI, both the probable drive-through building and the probable missile hold/launch building (curved structure) are

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clear of snow. The site area has a number of dark configurations, indicating probable activity. Activity or an object can be detected just west of the curved building, probably at the launch position. Possible activity or an object can be detected between the curved building and the drive-through building. Additional dark indications of post-snowfall activity can be detected within the enclosed launch site area, particularly between the northeastern corner of the enclosed area and the second (i.e. northern) launch position.

(c) At Launch Site V, the probable drive-through building and the missile hold/launch building are clear of snow. (For purposes of clarity, assume site launch positions are numbered sequentially from south to north.) There are indications of track activity leading from the probable missile hold/launch building, through Launch Position II, then to a position later revealed by better photography to be occupied by a small square structure (between Launch Positions I and II). The track activity then appears to continue toward the southeast corner of the enclosed area. Activity or an object can be detected in the area of Launch Position II, Launch Position III, along the fence line north of the bunker and at the structure or equipment located near the north entrance to the launch area.

b. [REDACTED]

(1) The roads in the vicinity of Launch Sites V and VI do not appear cleared. Structures within each area can be detected; however, activity in either area cannot be detected.

(2) Snow clearance is probably in progress on the road north from the administration and headquarters area and appears to have progressed to a point short of the access road to Electronics Site A.

(3) Activity can be detected in the central control area at Launch Site I. In addition, there are identical dark smudges on the snow, originating at each of five launch positions.

The quality of both missions precludes interpreting to a greater degree of specificity.

3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have any questions concerning this project.

4. This project is considered to be complete.